

*Regulations for Recruiting in rebel States for loyal States.*

The following regulations are established to carry out Section 3, of the act approved July 4, 1864, "further to regulate and provide for the enrolling and calling out the national forces."

"SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That it shall be lawful for the executive of any of the States to send recruiting agents into any of the States declared to be in rebellion, except the States of Arkansas, Tennessee, and Louisiana, to recruit volunteers under any call under the provisions of this act, who shall be credited to the State, and to the respective subdivisions thereof, which may procure the enlistment."

1. In order that Recruiting agents may be afforded proper facilities by United States authorities, they must have a letter of appointment from the State Executive, a certified copy of which must be filed with the Provost Marshal General, and the commanding officer of the rendezvous established for the district in which they are to recruit. The particular field of a State in which each agent is to operate, should be specified in the letter of appointment. To avoid confusion, the number of agents should not be large. Experience has shown that these agents should not be paid for each recruit, but, that they should have a fixed compensation for their services, otherwise fraudulent practices may be resorted to for the pecuniary benefit of the agent, to the great prejudice of the State, and the military service.

2. It shall be the duty of the recruiting agents, before entering upon their duties, to report in person, through the commanding officer of the rendezvous herein designated for the States in which they are to operate, to the commanding officer of the military district, department, or army, in order that they may have a proper pass and protection. All recruiting agents will be subject to the rules and articles of war.

3. It shall be the duty of the commanding officer of the army, department, or district, in which recruiting agents operate, and of commanding officers of rendezvous, to order back to his State (or arrest and hold for trial, as he may deem best) any recruiting agent who shall commit frauds upon the Government, or recruits, or shall

violate the instructions issued to govern this recruitment, or be guilty of any offence against military law. Recruiting agents will be held responsible for the conduct of all persons who act under their authority or direction.

4. No man shall be recruited who is already in the military service, as soldier, teamster, laborer, guide, &c., &c., or who is so employed by the military authorities as to be of importance to military operations.

5. Recruits procured in accordance with the act quoted, must be delivered by the recruiting agents at one of the following named rendezvous, viz :—

Camp Casey, Washington, D. C., for N. E. Virginia.

“ ———, near Fort Monroe, Va., for S. E. Virginia.

“ ———, Newbern, N. C., for North Carolina.

“ ———, Hilton Head, S. C., for South Carolina and Florida.

“ ———, Vicksburg, Miss., for Mississippi.

“ ———, Nashville, Tenn., for Georgia and Alabama.

When received at the rendezvous, it shall be the duty of the United States officers there to have the recruits promptly examined; and if accepted, to have them immediately mustered into the United States service, properly provided for, and sent to the regiments for which they may have been enlisted or assigned. A certified copy of the muster-in roll shall be given to the recruiting agent whenever at least ten recruits shall be mustered.

The aforesaid rendezvous are regarded as military posts, and will be conducted as such, under the immediate orders of the War Department, as issued through the Adjutant General's Office; but, Department and Army commanders are desired to exercise a supervision over them, as coming within the limits of their Departments, and to make any reports to this office concerning them which may be deemed advisable.

6. If it is desired to put any of the volunteer recruits obtained under this act into service as substitutes before or after draft, they must be sent, without expense to the Government, by the recruiting agent to the district in which the principal is enrolled, and there be mustered in by the Provost Marshal, who will issue the proper substitution papers.

7. It is made the duty of commanding officers to afford to recruiting agents all such facilities as they can provide, without detriment to the public service, and to prevent recruiting by unauthorized parties.

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF WAR:

E. D. TOWNSEND,

*Assistant Adjutant General.*

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I, Major General H. O. G. O'Connell is assigned by the President to the command of the 5th Army Corps, and of all troops in the Middle Department.

H. Major General H. O. G. O'Connell is assigned by the President to the temporary command of the 5th Army Corps, and of all troops in the Middle Department, Department of Washington.

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